

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3879 - SB 3975**

February 10, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes hybrid-electric motor vehicles to be driven in High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - According to the to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, federal guidelines concerning HOV lanes, found in SAFETEA-LU section 1121, do authorize low-emission and energy-efficient vehicles with fewer than two occupants to be driven in such lanes if procedures for enforcement are established. However, according to the Department of Transportation, the language in this bill does not conform to the requirements of SAFETEA-LU section 1121 which could result in the federal government requesting reimbursement of over \$75,000,000 in federal funds that have been spent on HOV lanes.**

Assumption:

- No decrease in citations issued for HOV lane violations.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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